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Corps releases document with proposed alternatives for New Orleans Lakefront projects

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released Individual Environmental Report (IER) 4 titled “New Orleans Lakefront Levee, West of Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, Orleans Parish” on Feb. 3, 2009 for a 30-day public review.

The environmental document evaluates the potential human and environmental impacts of the levees, floodwalls, ramps and floodgates in the New Orleans Lakefront area from the 17th Street Canal to the western portion of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.

Written or verbal comments on IER 4 must be submitted to the Corps by midnight Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Comments received during the public review period will become part of the official record.

Alternatives include modification to existing floodwalls, implementation of floodgates/ramps along Lakeshore Drive and modification to the sector gate in Bayou St. John.

“We’ve been working with our sponsors and listening to the comments from the public. This feedback has been incorporated into our process,” said August Martin, chief of the Corps’ Levees, Floodwalls and Armoring branch.

The projects within IER 4 will reduce impacts from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. This will reduce risk to communities in Orleans Parish such as Lakeview, Lakeshore, Lake Vista, Mid City and Gentilly.

Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps' environmental process may be addressed to:

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